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Enclosed are:

1. 12 sheets of specification, 4 sheet of claims, 1 sheet of abstract
2. -5- sheets of drawings.
3. Continuing application information:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/441,182, filed on November 15, 1999, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of the filing date of German Patent Application No. 198 52 557.5 filed November 13, 1998, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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